

40 may redirect a portion of light 56 onto image sensor 228 (e.g., as shown by beam 224 of FIG. 18).

[0097] At step 254, image sensor 228 may gather image data in response to beam 224 from multi-layer holographic combiner 40. Image sensor 228 may convey the image data to control circuitry 16 over control path 230 (FIG. 18).

[0098] At step 256, control circuitry 16 may process the image data to determine whether display module 20A needs to be adjusted to compensate for changes in the relative position between combiner 40 and display module 20A (e.g., due to bending or rotation of housing portions 8A and 8B). For example, control circuitry 16 may determine whether distortions associated with changes in relative position are present in the image data. If compensation is needed, control circuitry 16 may control display module 20A to compensate for these changes. For example, control circuitry 16 may adjust the position and/or geometry of optical components within display module 20A, may adjust the brightness/intensity of input light 56, may adjust the color of input light 56, and/or may perform any other desired adjustments to display module 20A that compensate for distortions in beam 55 on account of the change in relative position between combiner 40 and display module 20A. If no compensation is needed, adjustments to display module 20A may be omitted. Processing may subsequently loop back to step 250 as shown by arrow 258.

[0099] In this way, system 10 may perform active feedback on the projected images to compensate for changes in the position of housing portion 8A relative to the position of housing portion 8B over time (e.g., using image data indicative of the user's perspective at eye box 24). This may help to ensure that images having a uniform and non-distorted perspective are provided to eye box 24 over time.

[0100] Display module 20A as described herein may include any desired displays or light projection components. As examples, display module 20A may include spatial light modulators, liquid crystal displays, organic light-emitting diode displays, laser-based displays, microelectromechanical system (MEMS)-based displays, digital micromirror device (DMD) displays, liquid crystal on silicon (LCoS) displays, computer-generated holography (CGH) displays, or displays of other types. If desired, optical components may be provided for directing light from display module 20A onto multi-layer holographic combiner 40.

[0101] If desired, display module 20A may be configured to project light using foveation techniques. In these scenarios, the display module may display images in which a central portion of the displayed image is provided at higher resolution than peripheral portions of the displayed image. This may, for example, mimic the natural response of the user's eye such that the displayed images still appear naturally to the user while also reducing the resources and data rate required to display the images.

[0102] FIG. 20 is a diagram showing how a waveguide may be used to direct and expand light (entrance pupils) from display module 20A onto multi-layer holographic combiner 40. As shown in FIG. 20, display module 20A may generate a relatively narrow beam of image light 260. Optical system 20B may include optical components 262 for redirecting and expanding beam 260 onto multi-layer holographic combiner 40.

[0103] Optical components 262 may include a waveguide such as waveguide 270. Waveguide 270 may be provided with an input coupler such as input coupling prism 272

mounted to surface 278 of waveguide 270. This is merely illustrative and, in general, any desired input couplers may be used. Prism 272 may couple beam 260 into waveguide 270. The light from beam 260 may propagate down the length of waveguide 270 between surfaces 276 and 278 under the principle of total internal reflection (as shown by arrows 274). Some of the light may be coupled out of waveguide 270 at multiple points as the light propagates down the length of waveguide 270 (e.g., at each point where the light hits surface 276, using output couplers on surface 276, output couplers on surface 278, and/or output couplers embedded within waveguide 270, etc.). This may serve to expand the relatively narrow beam 260 into expanded beam 264. Optical components 262 may include optical elements 268 (e.g., one or more lenses) that provide expanded beam 264 with a desired optical power and that focus expanded beam 264 onto multi-layer holographic combiner 40, as shown by beam 266. Multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may replicate beam 266 and may focus the replicated beams onto the eye box (e.g., beam 266 may form input light 56 of FIGS. 2-4, 8, 12, and 18). When configured in this way, the pupils provided to eye box 24 (e.g., based on beam 266) may be expanded relative to scenarios where optical components 262 are omitted. The example of FIG. 20 is merely illustrative and, in general, optical components 262 may include any desired optical elements.

[0104] In another suitable arrangement, if desired, multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may include multiple transmission hologram structures. FIG. 21 is a diagram showing how multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may include multiple transmission hologram structures. As shown in FIG. 21, multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may include transmission hologram structures 44 and additional transmission hologram structures 304. In the example of FIG. 21, additional transmission hologram structures 304 are layered under transmission hologram structures 44. If desired, additional transmission hologram structures 304 may be layered on the opposing side of transmission hologram structures 44 (e.g., over transmission hologram structures 44), as shown by dashed box 306. In yet another suitable arrangement, additional transmission hologram structures 304 may be formed from the same holographic structures as transmission hologram structures 44 (e.g., structures 304 and 44 may be formed from superimposed holograms recorded within the same volume of holographic medium).

[0105] Transmission hologram structures 44 may replicate input light 56, as shown by replicated light 300. Multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may include a partially reflective structure 310 that reflects replicated light 300 towards additional transmission hologram structures 304, as shown by reflected replicated light 302. Additional transmission hologram structures 304 may focus reflected replicated light 302 onto eye box 24 (FIG. 2). This may serve to advantageously double the path length for image replication by multi-layer holographic combiner 40. Partially reflective structure 310 may include a half-silvered mirror, reflective coatings, a reflective holographic optical element, a filter such as a notch filter (e.g., a thin film interference filter that reflects light over a relatively narrow band of wavelengths), or other reflective structures.

[0106] The example of FIGS. 2-21 in which multi-layer holographic combiner 40 is described as being used to combine virtual and real-world images is merely illustrative. In general, multi-layer holographic combiner 40 may redi-